

OKLAHOMA.

THE TERRITORIAL LEGISLATURE
READY FOR WORK.

The Organization of the House Com-
pleted and the Message of the
Governor Delivered.

Ex-Chief Bushyhead Declares that the
Cherokees are anxious to secure the
ratification of the Strip Treaty.

Chairman Peel Not Sanguine as to the
Passage by Congress of Any of the
House Indian Measures Except the
Outline Bill—The Rumor That

Fort Reno is to be Aban-
doned by Uncle Sam
Without Founda-
tion—Notes.

GUTHRIE, O. T., Jan. 19.—[Special]—The morning session of the council was called to order at 10 o'clock by President McCarty. Roll call showed all members present.

Mr. Ross of Cleveland county rose to a question of privilege and made a personal explanation regarding a paragraph which appeared in the Guthrie Leader yesterday. Referring to the closing of the contest for the speakership of the house, it said:

"Inside interest conversation with the members, hard at work keeping their respective men in line, were Hon. J. F. Stone and Hon. L. P. Ross."

Mr. Ross insisted that no efforts of his were necessary to keep the men in line who had been elected to the 149th roll in their efforts to serve the Democratic party, even if he had been inclined to influence them, as he had not been.

Mr. Cleveley offered a concurrent resolution, to the effect that the governor must hold a joint session of the legislature at 10 o'clock today and deliver any communication he might have to make.

The council then went into a committee of the whole to consider the various plans suggested for revising the statutes of Oklahoma. Mr. Wrightsman was called to the chair, and an informal discussion followed.

Councillors Fegan, McFarlane, Logan, Pulliam and others took part, explaining and criticizing the different methods. The principal question seemed to be whether the legislature should not immediately call some time or a whole, calling out the undesirable portions, or make up the laws from all sources, passing them act by act.

The members seemed to feel that the people of the territory desired a careful revision of the entire statutes.

Mr. Ross did not favor the wiping out of the entire statutes. He believed the better course would be to cut out the more objectionable features of the present laws, and to have just a few additional laws as were really necessary. He said that the adoption of a new code would necessitate a great deal of legislation and indexing that could not be accomplished in sixty days.

At 11:30 o'clock the committee rose and reported progress.

Mr. Pringle was called to the chair.

The committee appointed for that purpose was instructed to notify the members of the entire session was ready to transact business. The committee reported at 12 o'clock that the house was not yet organized and could not receive its communication.

The council then adjourned till 2 o'clock p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Vice President Pulliam called the council to order for the afternoon session.

Some time was spent discussing a committee from the house announced that body was organized and ready to receive any communication that the council might wish to make.

On motion of Mr. Cleveley the sergeant-at-arms was instructed to summon the speaker to the house to receive his message.

A few minutes later a messenger from the house announced that both houses were ready to receive his message.

The committee then adjourned till 2 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Fegan moved to amend, that the council adjourn till 10 o'clock.

Mr. Wrightsman moved, as a substitute, that the council adjourn till 10 o'clock this evening. Adopted.

HOUSE.

GUTHRIE, O. T., Jan. 19.—[Special]—The house was called to order by the speaker.

The roll call showed all the members present. Prayer was offered by Chaplain Wimberly. The journal was read.

Mr. Cunningham proposed an amendment to the journal, stating more fully the reason for Mr. Stans' vote as speaker. This amendment was read as an extract from an El Reno paper, intimating that the badmouthing of Mr. Stans' speech was the cause of the location of the session at El Reno.

After further discussion by Messrs. Ormsbee and Beatty, the journal, as read, was approved.

The special committee on militia reported that their report showed influences ranging from notorious persons, the latter being that of Mr. Ormsbee. The report was referred to the committee for correction.

The committee on rules was allowed till tomorrow morning to report.

On motion of Mr. Peeler, they were directed to hand to the committee on militia a statement of the unwise due them.

The speaker pro tem was in the chair, and Mr. Waggoner offered a resolution requesting the council to adjourn the session in order to give the officers of the house a chance. Adopted.

It was moved and seconded to reconsider the motion by which the attorney general was requested to give his opinion in reference to the payment by the treasury of certain offices of the house.

The previous motion was moved by Mr. Allen of Canadian. Carried.

On motion of Mr. Waggoner the motion requesting the opinion of the attorney general was indefinitely postponed.

A concurrent resolution from the council was received for the appointment of a committee to inform the government that both houses were organized and ready to receive any communication he might wish to make, and fixing 2 o'clock today to receive any message of the governor.

The point of order was raised and sustained that the resolutions were out of order.

A motion to adjourn till 2 o'clock was made by Mr. Greer to instruct the speaker to make up the various committees at once.

A motion to table the resolution indefinitely carried. Mr. Greer moved to permanent relief in Hood's Sarsaparilla.

reconsider the vote by which the resolution from the council was received. This was amended by a request to the council to return the same at 2 o'clock, when it will be referred and considered, and was passed. The house then adjourned till 3 o'clock p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The roll call showed a quorum present. The oath of office was then administered to the speaker.

On motion of Mr. Greer a committee of three was appointed to inform the council that the house was organized and ready to receive any communication he might wish to make.

Messrs. Greer, Paer and Brennan were appointed as said committee.

A committee, consisting of Messrs. Beatty, Wimberly and Allen was appointed to act in conjunction with a committee from the council to inform the governor that the house was ready to receive any communication he might wish to make.

The concurrent resolution sent to the house during the morning session was read and concurred in.

The committee on rules asked leave to report.

Objected to by Mr. Beatty.

Mr. Cunningham moved to suspend the rules and give the committee leave to report. Lost.

Mr. Beatty was excused from the committee appointed to wait upon the governor.

A resolution offered by Mr. Greer, inviting the council to sit with the house at 2:40 o'clock p.m., to bear the governor's message was adopted.

The committee appointed to inform the governor of the organization of the house proposed to do so by sending him two hours and deliver his message at 3 o'clock. At that hour the council took their seats in joint session with the house and immediately thereafter the governor appeared and read his message.

The committee described the progress of Oklahoma in agricultural and mechanical pursuits. He urged retrenchment in all public matters, and expressed the opinion that the Australian ballot system is too expensive for the people. He advocated strict economy and suggested that equal facilities be provided for both whites and blacks.

Immediately after the delivery of the message Mr. Perry, chairman of the committee on rules, asked leave to submit the report, which was granted.

After a good deal of general discussion it was moved by Mr. Johnston that the rules be re-read in regular order and that, unless objection be made, they stand approved in such order.

After having adopted about half the number of rules proposed, on motion of Mr. Beatty, the house adjourned till 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

THE GUTHRIE RESOLUTIONS.

GUTHRIE, O. T., Jan. 19.—At the evening session of the strip convention the committee on resolutions made its report, its chairman, Mr. Caldwell, of Leavenworth, Kan., presenting three separate resolutions. The first related to the opening of the Cherokee strip and other lands, and was as follows:

"Whereas, in view of the fact that it is reasonably estimated that there are now nearly 20,000 homesteaders temporarily living on the borders of the outlet, and whereas the population of the remainder of the Cherokee Nation has expressed its entire willingness to accede to and comply with the treaty made with them in the year 1891, and

"Whereas, the people of the United States are anxious for the welfare of the Indians and the safety of the country, and open the purchase of land to settlement by citizens of the United States, therefore,

"Resolved, That this convention do hereby respectfully ask that congress at once ratify said treaty in regard to the land known as the Cherokee outlet, in such manner as will be deemed best by that body, so as to admit of its settlement as early as possible in the year 1892.

"Resolved, (2), That we also urge upon congress the pressing necessity of ratifying the existing treaty not yet ratified, for the Cherokee and affiliated tribes of Indians to be admitted to the Union, and of the reservation created by them, and that the surplus lands so acquired and the Kickapoo reservation be thrown open to settlement without delay.

"Resolved, (3), That all other Indian reservations in the territory not yet ratified, for the existing treaties not yet ratified, may be promptly acquired as public domain and thrown open to settlement at earliest date."

The second related to the question of statehood:

"Whereas, in view of the anomalous condition created by the existence of five distinct and separate Indian governments within the heart of the United States; therefore it is

"Resolved, That in the opinion of the convention it would be far better for both Indians and the Cherokee to be taken under one common state than to be taken under five separate states.

"Resolved, That the thanks of the delegation it is voted to the speaker for the excellent services rendered us during our stay in their magnificent city.

This resolution provoked a warm debate, because a good many of the delegates were of the opinion that the convention should confine its attention to the interests of the Cherokee strip legislation; but when the vote was taken it was adopted almost unanimously.

The third resolution offered was as follows:

"In behalf of the citizens of the five civilized tribes we ask that full jurisdiction be given to the United States courts in the trial of all criminal cases, and that the same be given to the tribal courts in civil cases, as will enable them to enforce the terms of their rights as American citizens to be secured and the government of the United States be saved the enormous expense of maintaining a court of criminal jurisdiction of its own.

"Resolved, That the thanks of this convention are hereby tendered to the Kansas City Times and the Wichita Eagle for their unceasing efforts in furthering the object of the convention."

The following, offered by ex-Governor Campbell, was adopted:

"Resolved, That it is the sense of this convention that the time has come when it can be conveniently and profitably called at some convenient point in the fall of the year of 1893, to further consider the question of the admission of Oklahoma and Indian Territory as a state into the Union, in the event that the necessary legislation for that purpose is not enacted by that time."

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EX-CHIEF BUSHYHEAD.

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"TABLEQUAH, I. T., Jan. 12, 1893.

"Hon. A. J. Spokane, Acting President Guthrie Board of Trade.

"DEAR SIR—I am informed that a convention is expected to be held at Guthrie on Jan. 18, for the purpose of urging upon the government the adoption of a bill ratifying the treaties already entered into by the Indian commission with the Cherokee, Kickapoo, Wichita and other tribes; also that the people of the various confederacies entered into the country occupied by the Indians will be asked to participate in the projected movement. That is to say, to begin with, further than this, that on behalf of the people of this young and great territory, I am pleased to welcome you and bid you do as you please."

MINCO MATTERS.

MINCO, I. T., Jan. 19.—[Special]—Minco continues to ship fat cattle and hogs, and is now an exporter of flour. The mill of the Minco Mill and Elevator company, the only mill in the Quicksaw nation, has been running night and day ever since it started.

The merchants here are doing a fine retail trade and are also doing a good wholesale trade in the new country west and northwest of here, Minco being the only town on the railroad reached by navigation across the dangerous South Canadian.

The Kansas City Times excursion train stopped here for a few minutes, to see Minco and the Wichita reservation, west of here about three-fourths of a mile, while we are trying to get open this spring.

The stage and mail line to Seger and Cloud City now runs regularly.

The Indian school at Seger has been opened, and Mr. Beatty of this place was awarded the contract for putting in the water works at this school.

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Minco has an active immigration society which sent the Minstrel man to Gotee to help boom the strip opening and the Wichita reservation and statehood for the Chickasaw nation. The people here want

to be free from the Great Sioux.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho country is filling up quite rapidly. There is lots of good land there yet open to settlement.

The settlers are all well pleased with their claims, and say that the land is much better than they thought.

Minco has a fine new house nearly completed.

Mr. Avery, pastor of the Methodist church, south, is building a new house.

We had a fine snow here Tuesday, which gives every one a longing for a sleigh ride; but there is not a cutter in town.

EL RENO NOTES.

EL RENO, O. T., Jan. 19.—[Special]—An article appeared in the EAGLE a few days ago stating that Fort Reno was liable to be abandoned. This article was undoubtedly written by Mr. El Reno, as there is no truth in the statement.

The instructions from the war department are to go on with the aridian west, and, if they fail to do so, to sell water from Caddo Springs, which is as pure a water as the Waubunna water, and will keep for months in bottles without being changed.

For the past two years the government has been engaged in a constant struggle to prevent the Indians from getting any lands in the country, and the agreement itself will end with the expiration of the lease.

It is necessary for the Cherokee to be able to buy land in the country, and the Indians expect to be benefited by the ratification of their agreement with the United States commissioners.

For the past four years the average temperature for the month of January has been 39° and for the 10th, day 22°.

FRED L. JOHNSON, Observer.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—Following is

the forecast until 5 p.m. Saturday:

Missouri—Fair; warmer in east and cooler in west; south winds.

Kansas—Fair; colder; winds shifting to west.

WICHITA, KAN., Jan. 19.—The weather

is fair; cold; winds shifting to west.

TEXAS, KAN., Jan. 19.—The weather